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## NEWS.

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DR. OSCAR BREFELD, professor of botany at Breslau, has retired from active service.

DR. JOHANN GOROSCHANKIN, professor of botany in the Imperial University and director of the Botanical Gardens at Moscow, died recently at the age of sixty years.

PROFESSOR GEORGE J. PEIRCE has returned from working at the Zoölogical Station at Naples and resumed his duties at Leland Stanford University at the beginning of the year.

THE FORESTRY QUARTERLY, whose chief editor is Professor B. E. FERNOW, has increased its subscription price to \$2, as the amount of material for publication demands an issue of three to four hundred pages a year.

HENRI T. A. HUS, M.S., a graduate of the University of California and a student with HUGO DE VRIES, has been appointed to take charge of the herbarium work at the Missouri Botanic Gardens, St. Louis. Mr. HUS has given much attention to fasciation and to mutations in plants.

NOTICE.—Owing to the increasing pressure upon our space, and in justice to numerous contributors, the Editors of the BOTANICAL GAZETTE are constrained to announce that with the beginning of volume XL (July 1905) no paper exceeding thirty pages in length (about 11,000 words) can be accepted for publication, unless the author is willing to pay for additional pages; in which case the size of the number will be correspondingly increased. Longer papers that have already been received and accepted will be published in due time.

Attention is also directed to the more liberal terms for separates announced in the advertising pages.

ON JANUARY 12 Captain JOHN DONNELL SMITH, of Baltimore, presented his private herbarium and botanical library to the Smithsonian Institution. The herbarium consists of more than 100,000 mounted sheets of vascular plants, besides many specimens of the lower cryptogams; and the library contains nearly 1,600 volumes substantially and elegantly bound. This is by far the most important botanical gift ever received by the Institution, and it is a valuable addition to the rapidly accumulating collections that are making Washington a great center for taxonomic work. Captain SMITH will retain for the present the custody of his library and the greater part of his collection, but some 25,000 specimens have already been sent to Washington.